



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Michitaka Urushima

Serial No.: 09/839,298

Group Art Unit: 2829

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Examiner: Geyer, Scott B.

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE
SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-9, 25-26 and 28-31 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

Claims 2-3 and 6-7 have been amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 3, 5-8 and 25 are independent.

Applicant thanks Examiners Geyer and Cuneo for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during a personal interview on May 27, 2003. During the personal interview, the Examiners agreed that none of the applied references teaches or suggests an adhesive layer, although the Examiners requested further language clarifying that feature of the claimed invention. Applicant is currently considering that request.

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